

**Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 23, 2021
High School Library
5:30 pm**

PRESENT: Matthew Dreher
Jason Fernau
Melissa Glastetter - Absent
Michael O'Donnell - Virtual
Lillian McCarthy
Dorothy Sellers
Katie Whittemore

STAFF PRESENT: Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Dorothy Sellers called the Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #612 - Approval Renewal Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Renewal Agreement between the Office of Sheriff-Saratoga County and the District, to provide School Resource Officer (SRO) services for the 2021-2022 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #613 – Approval Renewal Agreement

Resolution #613 - Extended Summer School Year and Summer School Program Health and Safety Requirements

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, its students, faculty and staff, administration, parents, and community have worked diligently to manage the COVID-19 virus during the 2020-2021 school year by following all health and safety requirements from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and by extension the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); all educational requirements from the New York State Education Department (SED); all advisories from the Saratoga County Department of Public Health; and all legal and medical opinions from our District Counsel and Physician respectively regarding the management of the virus; and

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WHEREAS, the District demonstrated the ability time and time again that it could respond quickly to any identified positive case while keeping students and staff safe from further spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the positivity rate for the virus is consistently below if not well-below 1% in both the Capital Region and in Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, the CDC Community Rate of Transmission Risk classification for Saratoga County has hovered between Low and Moderate with an increasing number of surrounding counties being classified as at Low Risk; and

WHEREAS, with few exceptions, our school classrooms and our school buses are not air conditioned; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines from the NYS DOH for summer camps which may be run in the same school buildings as academic programs do not require students to wear masks or follow the other restrictions as detailed in the INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AT PRE-K TO GRADE 12 SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District respectfully requests that the Governor act immediately, or, in the absence of action by the Governor, that the NYS Legislature agree to meet in special session to act immediately, to align the academic program health and safety rules with the summer camp health and safety rules so that students, faculty and staff, and schools may host either or both programs while minimizing confusion from parents, student, and our communities and maximizing the learning of our students. The Board further respectfully requests that guidance for the Fall 2021 semester be released as soon as possible so that proper planning may take place to prepare our students, families, faculty and staff, and communities for what they can expect in our reopening.

MOTION BY Jason Fernau, seconded by Michael O'Donnell that the Board of Education to approve Resolution #613 – Extended Summer School Year and Summer School Program Health and Safety Requirements

Discussion

Mr. Slentz stated this resolution was an appeal to the Governor to align the requirements for summer school with summer camps. Mr. Slentz stated today's announcement from the Governor did not provide relief for summer school.

Mr. Slentz reminded everyone that some summer camp programs were held in the same buildings as summer school. He stated the academic programs would be mandated to have stricter guidelines than camps regardless of being in the same building.

Mr. Slentz stated the District needed relief from the current mandates. He stated the District had a proven record of managing the virus. He stated the District had been consistently in the low to moderate range. He stated masks were problematic especially in the schools that were not air conditioned.

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Ms. Sellers stated superintendents from other District would be sending letters to the Governor requesting alignment for academic programs with summer camp programs. She stated this resolution would allow for the Board to send the same message.

Ayes all

Ms. Sellers stated because the resolution had passed, she was asking the superintendent to draft a letter for each member to sign. She stated the letters would be sent along with a copy of the resolution to the Governor.

Resolutions #614- #620 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.

Resolution #614 - Agreement – Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the Agreement between the Ballston Spa Central School District and the Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants, dated June 23, 2021, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #615 - Tenure Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person be awarded tenure, be and is hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>
Elizabeth Sikoryak	Teaching Assistant	9/21/21
Amanda VanDenburg	Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher	8/30/21
Samantha Vespe	Foreign Language Teacher	9/01/21

Resolution #616 - Approval – Individual Employee Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the individual employment agreement(s) for the following person(s), be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nicole Holehan	Coordinator of Instructional Technology	7/01/21-6/30/22
Nancy Lashway	Director of Special Education	7/01/21-6/30/22

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Resolution #617 - Appointment – Administrative

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint the following person(s) to the position(s) indicated below, with effective date(s) and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Julie Umar	Assistant Director of Special Education	NYS Permanent, School District Administrator	\$90,000/yr.	07/01/21-06/30/22

Resolution #618 - Appointment – Summer School Instructional

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted appointment to the position(s) indicated below pending sufficient enrollment to conduct courses, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Christina Bisceglia	Teacher	\$47.68/hr.	7/06/21-8/13/21
Gary Older, Jr.	Teacher	\$42.36/hr.	7/06/21-8/13/21
Alicia Sala		\$20.60/hr.	7/06/21-8/13/21

Resolution #619 - Appointment – Instructional Summer Work

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the summer of 2021, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Location</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Troy Filburn	Teaching Assistant, HS	5	\$20.60/hr.
Erin Gibbons	Assistive Technology, AT	4	\$47.68/hr.
Kristan Gottmann	Teaching Assistant, GC	5	\$20.60/hr.
Emily Townsend	Teaching Assistant, HS	5	\$20.60/hr.
Martha Carolina Trujillo	Teaching Assistant, WR	5	\$20.60/hr.

Resolution #620 - Appointment – Summer School Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted appointment to the position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Holly Burdick	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Ronald DeLap	Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Pamela DeWitt	Bus Driver	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
	Substitute Bus Driver	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21

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	Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Jessica Harblin	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Kristin Hunter	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Wayne Joseph	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Dennis Jourdanais, Jr.	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Laura McIntosh	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Krystina Minett	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Donna Noble	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Carrie Spencer	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21
Cindy Winslow	Special Education Adie	Per CSEA contract	7/06/21-8/13/21
Linda Wood	Substitute Bus Attendant	Per CSEA contract	7/01/21-8/31/21

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Jason Fernau that the Board of Education to approve Resolutions # 614 – 620

Ayes all

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Jason Fernau that the Board of Education to accept Walk-On Resolution # 621 – Canvass – Results of June 22, 2021 Board of Election

Discussion

Mr. Fernau read the resolution.

Ayes all

Resolution #621 - Canvass – Results of June 22, 2021 Board Election

WHEREAS, Education Law section 2034 requires the Board of Education to tabulate and declare the results of the Board election; and

WHEREAS, the final results, including the tabulation of the affidavit ballots, are available;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares and accepts the Board election results; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individual has won election to the Board of Education for a term of three (3) years:

Wayne Evans, Jr.

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy, seconded by Jason Fernau that the Board of Education to approve Walk-On Resolution # 621 – Canvass – Results of June 22, 2021 Board of Election

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Discussion

Ms. Sellers thanked everyone that ran to be elected as a Board member. She stated it was a big undertaking. She congratulated Wayne Evans on his election.

Ayes all

Ms. Sellers recognized Michael O'Donnell and thanked him for all he had done for the Board and the District. She highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Board.

Ms. Sellers recognized Lillian McCarthy and thanked her for volunteering to help and support the Board when the mid-term opening occurred.

Mr. Fernau thanked Lillian McCarthy.

Mr. Slentz thanked Michael O'Donnell and Lillian McCarthy for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Lillian McCarthy seconded by Jason Fernau to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. to executive session for discussion of a particular employee not to return to open session.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board